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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A PLANNER

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/726,268 <b>Examiner</b> PETER CHOI	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MILLER ET AL. <b>Art Unit</b> 3623
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/1/10.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-16, 21-25 and 32-51.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
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         1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
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/Jonathan G. Sterrett/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3623	/Peter Choi/ Examiner, Art Unit 3623
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on May 3, 2010 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

***Terminal Disclaimer***

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on April 28, 2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 10/440,521 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jonathan Darcy on April 28, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-5. (CANCELLED)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A planning system being embodied in a~~ At least one non-transitory computer-readable medium ~~[[and]]~~ including computer executable instructions ~~and data that comprise~~ comprising:

instructions for providing at least one business rule ~~embodied in the computer readable medium~~;

instructions for providing at least one priority designation ~~embodied in the computer readable medium~~;

[[a]] instructions for providing at least one meeting editor ~~embodied in the computer readable medium~~, wherein configured to generate at least one meeting is ~~generated~~ for at least one client ~~by the meeting editor~~ in accordance with the at least one business rule and the at least one priority designation; and

instructions for providing at least one tracker ~~embodied in the computer readable medium and communicatively connected to the meeting editor~~, wherein the at least one tracker configured to ~~[[tracks]]~~ track data items indicative of at least some of invitees to the at least one meeting, respondents to invitation to the at least one meeting, at least one speaker of the at least one meeting, at least one host of the at least one meeting, finances of the at least one meeting, and a venue of the at least one meeting, and wherein the at least one tracker is configured to ~~[[communicates]]~~ communicate at least two of the data items with the meeting editor;

wherein said meeting editor is configured to use the priority designation ~~[[weights]]~~ to weight the at least two of the data items for the at least one meeting differently ~~when the meeting editor generates~~ to generate the at least one meeting in

accordance with the at least one business rule, and the at least one business rule associates the at least two of the data items together both in combination with and independently of the at least one meeting.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein ~~at least one of~~ the at least one client is ~~at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of at least one system administrator, at least one meeting planner, at least one meeting attendee, at least one speaker, and at least one service supplier.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein said meeting editor comprises:  
a meeting set-up module for setting up each meeting; and  
a meeting manager for managing each set-up meeting.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein said meeting editor further comprises:  
a fulfillment request form manager; and  
a reporter.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 8, wherein the at least one meeting manager comprises at least one selected

from the group consisting of an attendance listing manager, an invitee listing manager, a speaker listing manager, task listing manager, and a security listing manager.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the ~~planning system is~~ at least one computer-readable medium forms a distributed network application.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein said meeting editor comprises at least one dynamic link library and at least ~~one~~ one ~~[[html]]~~ markup language template.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein said at least one tracker comprises at least one database ~~for each meeting.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the at least one database ~~comprises~~ is configured to store at least one data attribute selected from the group consisting of a meeting code ~~for the meeting,~~ and ~~at least one of~~ a meeting date, a meeting time, a meeting type, a meeting status, a meeting number and a client meeting number.



15. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein the at least one database ~~further comprises~~ is configured to store data attributes of the at least one speaker and the venue, ~~and wherein such that~~ at least one of the at least one speaker and the venue are relationally linked to at least one of the meeting code and the meeting date.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14, wherein the at least one database is configured to relationally store the venue ~~is relationally stored in the at least one database~~ as one of a pending status and a confirmed status.

Claims 17-20. (CANCELLED)

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, further comprising instructions for providing a finance tracker.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein said finance tracker ~~[[tracks]]~~ is configured to track expenses relating to at least one of the at least one meeting.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein said finance tracker ~~[[tracks]]~~ is configured to track a type of each expense, a status of each expense, ~~[[and]]~~ an estimated amount of each expense, and an actual amount of each expense.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein said tracker ~~[[comprises]]~~ uses a contacts database.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the contacts database ~~[[comprises]]~~ is configured to store a name, address, and phone number of at least one of an invitee, an attendee, a speaker, a host, a venue, a moderator, and an audio-visual supplier for at least one of the at least one meeting.

Claims 26-31. (CANCELLED)

32. (Currently Amended) ~~A planning system being embodied in a~~ At least one non-transitory computer-readable medium ~~[[and]]~~ including computer executable instructions comprising:

instructions for storing a plurality of event parameter sets, the event parameter sets including at least some of recruiting, venue and speaker meeting parameters associated with at least one event plan, wherein at least some event parameters of the

event parameter sets have associated business rules restricting selection of others of the event parameters of the event parameter sets in combination with the business rule associated event parameters;

instructions for presenting ones of the event parameters for selection, wherein the presentation of the event parameters from each of the plurality of event parameter sets in the database is restricted by:

selection of at least one other presented event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets; and

at least one of the business rules responsively to selection of a business rule associated event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets in the database; and

at least one priority designation associated with at least two of the event parameters from the plurality of event parameter sets; and

instructions for reporting information associated with the at least one event plan in accordance with selected event parameters from the event parameter sets.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning-system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 32, further comprising instructions for generating cost estimates.

34. (Currently Amended) The ~~planning-system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein said instructions for reporting comprise instructions for generating one or more of a group consisting of multiple day reports, invitation reports, status summary

report, results report, hyperlink report, cumulative attendance report, and financial reports.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~A planning system being embodied in a~~ At least one non-transitory computer readable medium ~~[[and]]~~ including computer-executable instructions comprising:

instructions for ~~at least one database configured to store~~ storing a plurality of event parameter sets in at least one database, the event parameter sets including at least some of recruiting, venue and speaker meeting parameters associated with at least one assigned-time event plan, wherein at least some event parameters of the event parameter sets have associated business rules restricting selection of others of the event parameters of the event parameter sets in combination with the business rule associated event parameters; and

instructions for ~~at least one meeting generator configured to present~~ presenting ones of the event parameters for selection by a meeting editor, wherein the presentation of the event parameters from each of the plurality of event parameter sets in the database is restricted by:

selection of at least one other presented event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets; and

at least one of the business rules responsively to selection of a business rule associated event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets ~~in the database~~; and

at least one priority designation associated with at least two of the event parameters.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 35, further comprising a ~~reporting module, wherein~~ instructions for providing data associated with said assigned-time event plan, in accordance with at least one selected event parameter, ~~is provided to a meeting requester.~~

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said ~~reporting module generates~~ instructions for providing data associated with said assigned-time event plan comprise instructions for generating one or more of a group consisting of multiple day reports, invitation reports, status summary report, results report, hyperlink report, cumulative attendance report, and financial reports.

38. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 36, further comprising a ~~financial module, wherein~~ instructions for generating cost estimates are generated.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 36, further comprising instructions for providing a security access control module.

40. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein the security access control ~~module comprises~~ is configured to support at least two levels, wherein at least one of the levels is associated with at least one system administrators administrator and another of the levels is associated with ~~client~~ users.

41. (Currently Amended) ~~A planning system being embodied in a~~ At least one non-transitory computer readable medium ~~[[and]]~~ including computer executable instructions comprising:

instructions for storing at least one business rule;

instructions for storing at least one priority designation;

instructions for generating at least one meeting in accordance with the at least one business rule and the at least one priority designation; and

instructions for tracking data items indicative of at least some of invitees to the at least one meeting, respondents to invitation to the at least one meeting, at least one speaker for the at least one meeting, at least one host for the at least one meeting, finances for the at least one meeting, and a venue for the at least one meeting;

wherein said priority designation weights the at least two of the data items for the at least one meeting differently when the meeting is generated, and the at least one business rule associates the at least two of the data items together both in combination with and independently of the at least one meeting.

42. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the instructions for tracking data items further comprise instructions for tracking travel for the at least one speaker and the at least one host.

43. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, further comprising instructions for tracking creations, reads, updates, additions, edits, and deletions from at least one database.

44. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the instructions for tracking comprise instructions for tracking at least one audio-visual supplier for the at least one meeting.

45. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, further comprising instructions for generating reports concerning the at least one meeting.

46. (Currently Amended) The ~~planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, further comprising instructions for storing at least one data item selected from the group consisting of data items indicative of a meeting code for the meeting, at least one of a meeting date, a meeting time, a meeting type, a meeting status, a meeting number and a client meeting number.

47. (Currently Amended) ~~The planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim [[41]] 46, further comprising instructions for storing data items indicative of the at least one speaker and the venue, and wherein at least one of the at least one speaker and the venue are relationally linked to at least one of the meeting code and the meeting date.

48. (Currently Amended) ~~The planner apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the instructions for tracking comprise instructions for tracking a type of expense, a status of an expense, an estimated amount of an expense, and an actual amount of an expense.

49. (Currently Amended) ~~A planning system being embodied in a~~ At least one non-transitory computer readable medium [[and]] including computer executable instructions comprising:

instructions for storing a plurality of event parameter sets, the event parameter sets including at least some of recruiting, venue and speaker meeting parameters associated with at least one assigned-time event plan, wherein at least some event parameters of the event parameter sets have associated business rules restricting selection of others of the event parameters of the event parameter sets in combination with the business rule associated event parameters;



instructions for presenting ones of the event parameters for selection, wherein the presentation of the event parameters from each of the plurality of event parameter sets ~~in the database~~ is restricted by:

selection of at least one other presented event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets; and

at least one of the business rules responsively to selection of a business rule associated event parameter from the plurality of event parameter sets ~~in the database~~; and

instructions for reporting information associated with the assigned-time event plan, in accordance with said assigned time and at least one selected event parameter.

50. (Currently Amended)      ~~The planning system~~ computer-readable medium of claim 49, further comprising instructions for generating cost estimates.

51. (Currently Amended)      ~~The planning system~~ of claim 49, wherein said instructions for reporting comprise instructions for generating one or more of a group consisting of multiple day reports, invitation reports, status summary report, results report, hyperlink report, cumulative attendance report, and financial reports.

4.      The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The arguments presented by the Applicant in the response filed January 19, 2010 are persuasive. Specifically, the Applicant points to the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 25, 2009 on co-pending application 10/440,521. In said decision, the Examiner was reversed for having misconstrued the term 'business rule', which is also germane to the instant application. As the 'business rule' concept was the primary reason that the Examiner was reversed in the '521 case, it is held that the same concept is allowable in the instant application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PETER CHOI whose telephone number is (571)272-6971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beth Boswell can be reached on (571) 272-6737. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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